



THE INDIANA LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL PROGRAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program is beginning a review of nine areas of the Program related to wetlands, public access, coastal hazards, cumulative and secondary impacts, energy and government facilities siting, lake debris, Great Lakes resources, special area management plans, and aquaculture. The purpose of the review is to assist the Coastal Program identify potential ways to augment its current activities in one or more of the nine areas. If the Coastal Program decides on any new enhancement activities, additional funds will be available from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out the new activities. "This is just one of the ways for us to keep improving our Coastal Program and to meet the needs of the citizens of Indiana" stated Mike Molnar, Manager of the Coastal Program.

The first phase of the review is just getting underway and the Coastal Program is seeking public input regarding the nine program areas. The Coastal Program will host a public forum from 6:00-8:00 pm on September 21, 2004 at the Dunes State Nature Center Auditorium. The public is invited to attend this forum to hear a presentation on the status of the Coastal Program review and a brief description of the nine areas of interest. The presentation will be followed by an open discussion during which the public can provide comments and suggestions related to the nine Program areas.